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WEATHER

The cold spell which began on the 2nd continued last week. Temperatures averaged 15 to 23 degrees subnormal, with sub-zero minima the rule. Lowest reported temperature was -24 degrees at Arnold and Bridgeport on the 10th.

A snowstorm on the 11th and 12th deposited six to nine inches of snow from the southwest to the northeast corner of the State, in addition to the extreme southeast.

Sharp moderation in temperatures occurred on the 17th; Sidney reported 50 degrees for the State high.

CROPS

Harvest proceeded at a slow pace in most areas last week and was complicated by a snow storm Monday and Tuesday. The snow totaled up to nine inches but did not cling to standing crops and had very little wind with it, reducing the amount of drifting. Grain drying remains necessary and is being hampered by fuel shortages.

Corn harvest was slow and difficult but has progressed to 85% completed. Unharvested corn is in good condition, and field losses have been less than anticipated. Most fields are snow filled, and harvesting is tediously slow. About 80 million bushels of corn remain to be harvested.

Sorghum harvest is 82% complete, and future harvest is very dependent upon the weather. Unharvested, severely lodged fields are in poor condition. Many fields will not be harvested until the snow cover is gone. Farmers have concentrated on harvesting the corn first. More than 25 million bushels of sorghum remain in the field.

Soybean harvest is unchanged from last week at 94% complete. Winter wheat is in good condition.

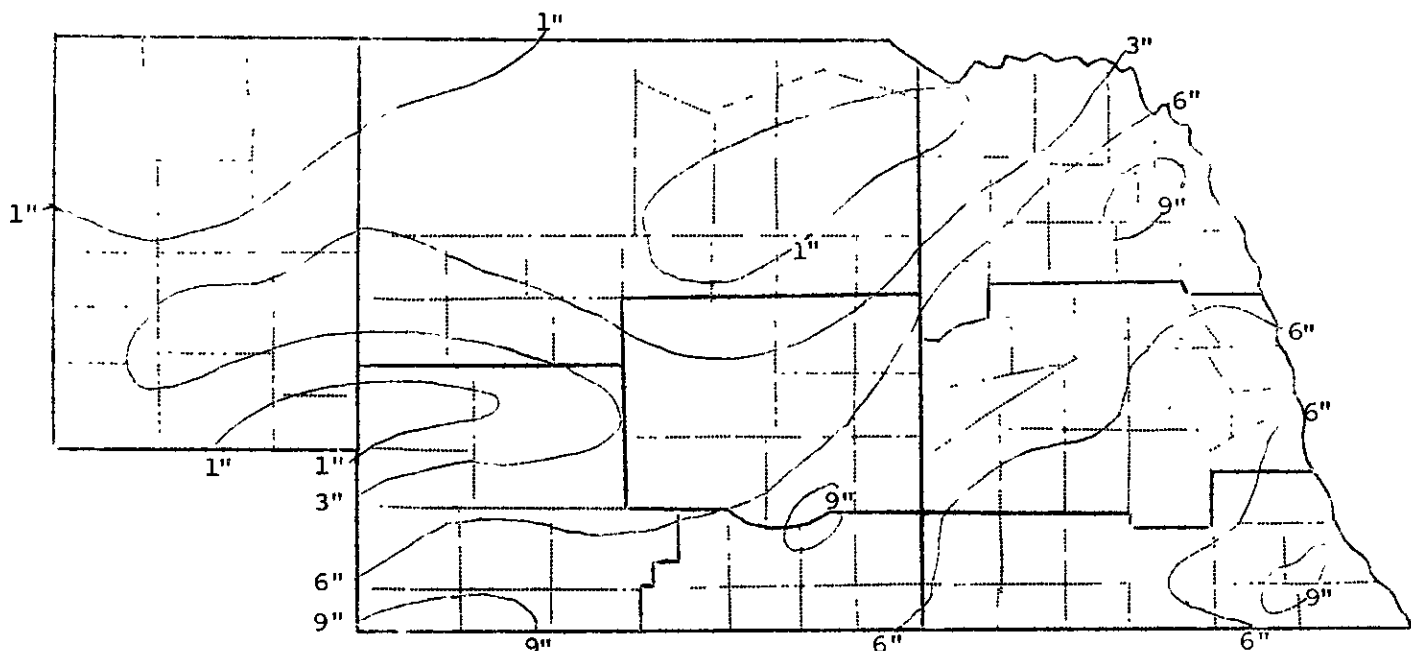
LIVESTOCK

Livestock are in good condition but are under stress from the snow and cold weather. More livestock are being turned into harvested fields as they are available, helping to conserve hay and forage.

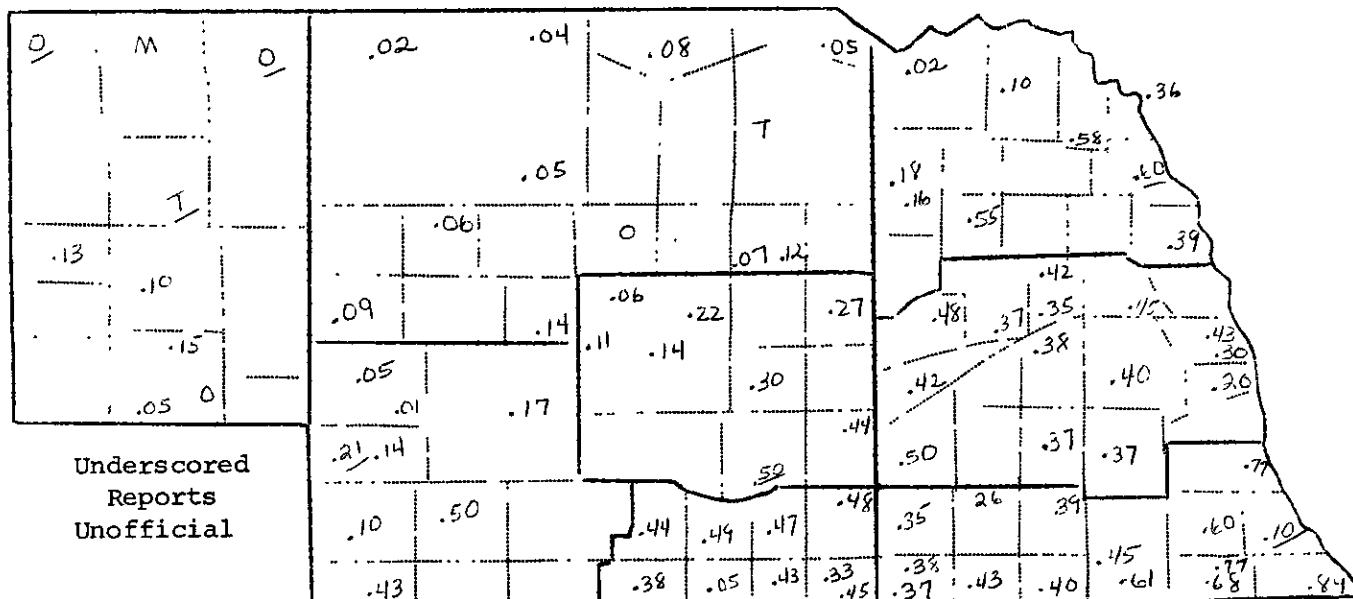
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 12/17/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.43	Burwell	--	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.37	North Platte	.16	Imperial	.10
Norfolk	.55	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.43			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.36				

TOTAL SNOWFALL FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1972



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December 11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	13	-13	15	-8	14	-14	23	3	23	-6	33	17	41	19
	Scottsbluff	10	-5	16	-1	25	-5	27	0	30	-4	27	5	48	33
	Sidney	20	-3	21	-3	31	-5	30	4	27	-2	34	12	50	31
NC	Burwell	19	12	20	-11	18	--	--	3	25	-10	16	6	44	--
	Valentine	19	-3	17	-10	13	-14	29	0	28	-12	18	9	43	20
NE	Norfolk	21	14	19	-9	14	-14	19	0	20	-16	12	8	27	12
	Sioux City	22	16	19	-6	10	-11	15	-7	18	-8	11	10	27	15
CEN	Grand Island	17	14	19	-13	13	-8	16	2	21	-12	14	3	24	17
EC	Lincoln	21	13	23	-10	16	-9	18	-4	23	-13	15	-4	30	20
	Omaha	19	13	18	-2	15	1	19	3	19	-1	14	12	29	22
SW	Imperial	16	5	20	-12	16	-7	28	7	24	-6	16	-1	42	25
	North Platte	14	5	20	-13	14	-15	20	-7	25	-12	14	2	37	13

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